

*DFW***PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicants:** Michael Boyd et al.**Serial No.:** 10/581,692      **Case No.:** MC098YP**Filed:** June 6, 2006**For:** CATHEPSIN CYSTEINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS**Art Unit:**  
1626**Examiner:**  
J. R. Kosack

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**ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

The following remarks are in response to an Office Action that was mailed on August 21, 2008, and which has an unextended period of response that expires on September 21, 2008.

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